

[25 April, 2001]

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THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Andhra Pradesh Government has engaged the services of M/s. EDAW, U.K. and its agency M/s. Tourism Features, New Delhi for preparing macro and micro plans of Tirupathi and Hyderabad. Similarly, the services of M/s. KPMG Ltd. was utilised for preparing project report on micro and macro plans on coastal tourism. They have also obtained the services of World Tourism Organisation for preparing perspective tourism plan for Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh *vide* his letter dated 17.11.1998 had requested the Ministry of Tourism to release 50 per cent of the consultancy expenses, *i.e.* Rs. 1,86,89,677.00.

(b) Since the budget available for the preparation of master plan is limited, the Department of Tourism, Government of India has not provided the assistance requested for. However, the Department of Tourism has decided to provide central financial assistance subject to the maximum of Rs. 10.00 lakhs to each State to draw up 20 years perspective plan as per guidelines issued in this regard.

Promotion of Tourism in Hilly Areas

†4399. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several schemes are being implemented by Government for promoting tourism in hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of places which have been selected for development as places of tourism in the country during the year 2001-2002 and the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance to State Govts./UT Administrations under various schemes for promotion and development of tourism in the country which includes hilly areas well.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) The Schemes for which central financial assistance is provided to the state Govts./UT Administrations include Tourist Complexes/Tourist Bungalows, Yatri Niwases/Yatrikas, Tourist Reception Centres, Wayside Amenities, Public Conveniences, Health Centers, Refurbishment of Monuments/Heritage Buildings and improvement of their environment, development of pilgrimage/tourist centres, adventure sports, SEI Shows/Flood-lighting/High Mast lighting, Promotion of Fairs & Festivals and Assistance for production of literature etc.

(c) Each year in consultation with the State Govts., the Department of Tourism prioritises projects for central financial assistance for development of tourism places in the country. The projects for the year are priortised generally in the month of May/June every year.

ASI-Sulabh International Agreement for Providing Sanitation Facilities

4400. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India signed an agreement with Sulash International for setting up sanitation facilities and to let complexes at 34 protected monuments;

(b) whether one of such toilet complex was inaugurated recently at Safdarjung Tomb, Delhi;

(c) if so, the names of the protected monuments where such facilities would come-up; and

(d) by when the target of sanitation facility and toilet complexes is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A detailed list of protected monuments where this facility would come-up is given in the statement. (See below)

(d) Providing of sanitation facilities by Sulabh International depends on funding through sponsors, therefore, no time frame can be indicated.